

## Great Lakes, Great Times, Great Outdoors



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**STATE OF MICHIGAN'S  
2009 WINTER FREE FISHING WEEKEND EVENTS  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 14 & 15 ONLY  
NO FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED, ALL FISHING REGULATIONS STILL APPLY.**

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<b>Alger County</b> AuTrain Lake	Saturday - Feb 14	7:00am – 3:00pm	Dean Pokela or Randy Vadnais Munising Moose Lodge 906-387-2879	Free ice fishing derby for those 12 and under with a registered adult which are required to pay a \$10.00 entry fee. Categories will be pike, perch and walleye. A dinner will be held at the Moose Lodge from 3:30 to 5:30. Cash prizes awarded at 6:00pm followed by door prizes for those present.
<b>Bay County</b> Bay City State Rec. Area, Saginaw Bay Visitor Center	Saturday - Feb 14	9:00am – 6:00pm	Valerie Blaschka Michigan Department of Natural Resources 989-667-1894 / Saginaw Bay Visitor Center at 989-667-0717	Free Youth Ice Fishing Clinic for kids 15 and under from 9:00am to 12:30pm. Kids can construct a fishing pole, learn how to rig it, make a lure and get tips on how to catch a fish and stay safe on the ice! Ice Fishing Derby from 9:30am to 1:00pm. No entry Fee. Free bait, loaner poles, and refreshments. Holes pre-drilled for kids. Free raffle ticket for each participant with great ice fishing prizes. There will also be live wildlife programs, bird feeding workshops, snowshoe hikes, snow snake clinic/tournament and more. A \$6.00 State Park Motor Vehicle Permit will be required to enter the park.

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<b>Emmet County</b> Oden State Fish Hatchery Alanson, MI	Saturday - Feb 14	10:00am	Oden State Fish Hatchery Visitors Center 231-348-0998	Want to learn how to ice fish? Well join us in the Visitor Center at 10:00am. From there, everyone will head over to Crooked Lake. There will be some loaner poles and other equipment available to use. Warm refreshments will be served on the ice. Bring the whole family out for a day of fun!
<b>Lapeer County</b> Lake Nepessing – Hilltop Campground	Sunday – Feb 15	7:00am – 2:00pm	Marty Madden 810-516-3452	Fishing derby for both kids and adults. The cost for kids up to the age of 17 will be \$5.00 for an early sign up or \$7.00 the day of the derby. For adults the cost will be \$10.00 early or \$15.00 the day of. Bring your own pole and bait. There will be refreshments in the warming tent from 7:00am to 10:00am and a free lunch. Awards for all ages will be handed out at 2:30pm.
<b>Mackinac County</b> The Curtis Winter Carnival on South Manistique Lake	Saturday – Feb 14	10:00am – 4:00pm	Dan Duberville 906-586-9531	There will be both a youth fishing derby for kids 14 and under as well as an adult fishing derby which will run from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Both derbies will have an entry fee which will be \$3.00 to fish outside or \$5.00 to fish in the coop. Anglers will need to be present for the fish-off at 4:00pm. Fishing poles and bait will be furnished, and prizes will be awarded. The Winter Carnival offers a list of events that your family is sure to enjoy!

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<b>Mackinac County</b> Brevoort Lake	Saturday – Feb 14 & Sunday – Feb 15	Saturday 8:00am – 6:00pm and Sunday 8:00am – 2:00pm	Kirk Lipnitz 906-643-7289 or Jimmie Miller 906-643-6743	Our 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Brevoort Lake Ice Fishing Jamboree. Kids under 12 years of age can participate for free. Those 13 years of age and older will have an entry fee of \$35.00 if you register before February 14 <sup>th</sup> or \$45.00 the day of the event. If you catch one specially tagged walleye, you could win a 2009 Snowmobile. Cash prizes will be awarded walleye, pike and perch. Fireworks by the Freedom Fireworks Company on Saturday evening. Bring your own pole, bait and other equipment for ice fishing. Refreshments will be available and prizes will be awarded to the kids. Call or visit our web site for additional information regarding the rules of the contest and a registration form. <a href="http://www.vacationmackinac.com">www.vacationmackinac.com</a>
<b>Oakland County</b> Seven Lakes State Park	Saturday – Feb 14	9:00am – 2:00pm	Seven Lakes State Park 248-634-7271  Wednesday or Thursday only from 8:00am – 4:30pm	Bring the whole family out for a day of fun. There will be a free ice fishing class from 9:00am to 11:00am and a fishing derby from 11:00am to 2:00pm. There will be prizes for the biggest fish, smallest fish, most fish and even the ugliest fish! Refreshments will be available. A \$6.00 State Park Motor Vehicle Permit will be required to enter the park.
<b>Ogemaw County</b> Rifle River Recreation Area, Grousehaven Lake Boat Launch	Saturday – Feb 14	11:00am – 1:00pm	Steve Krantz or Tricia Weisend 989-473-2258 Rifle River Recreation Area	There will be a winter hayride through the park so families can come and enjoy the winter scenery. There will be cross-country ski and snowshoe trails to enjoy as well as a fishing lake and a sledding hill. Those attending will also enjoy free hot dogs, hot chocolate and a warm fire. A \$6.00 State Park Motor Vehicle Permit will be required to enter the park.

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<b>St. Clair County</b> Fair Haven – Anchor Bay	Sunday – Feb 15	9:00am – 2:00pm	Mark Tews 586-557-3767 Lake St. Clair Walleye Association and Algonac Downriver Recreation Department.	Join us for the 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Children’s Ice Fishing Derby which is geared towards anglers 18 years of age and under. There is no pre-registration. Younger anglers must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole. Bait furnished if needed. Prizes and refreshments will be included.
<b>Wexford County</b> Mitchell State Park Carl T. Johnson Hunting & Fishing Center	Saturday – Feb 14	10:00am – 4:00pm	Rick Torres Michigan Department of Natural Resources 231-779-1321	Ice fishing equipment including rods, reels, bait, ice strainers and lake maps will be available to those that would like to try their luck on both Lake Cadillac and Lake Mitchell. Bring your own ice spud. There will be cross-country skiing on a groomed trail behind the center, bring your own skis. The Mid-Michigan Independent Trappers Association will be on hand with a display featuring furs, snares and traps. Be sure to visit the centers indoor displays on hunting and fishing. Free refreshments will be served.